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Lord *L--V--T,*

In Answer to *k*

Lord P---d--t's Letter,

OF

OCTOBER the 29th, 1745.



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*My Dear L O R D,*



Received the Honour of your Lordship's Letter late last Night, of Yesterday's Date ; and I own I never receiv'd one like it since I was born ; and I give your Lordship ten thousand Thanks for the kind Freedom you use with me in it : for I see by it, that for my Misfortune, in having an obstinate stubborn Son, and an ungrateful Kindred, my Family must go to Destruction, and I must lose my

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Life



Life in my old Age. Such Usage looks rather like a *Turkish* or *Persian* Government, than like a *British*. Am I, my Lord, the first Father that has had an undutiful and unnatural Son? Or am I the first Man that has made a good Estate, and saw it destroy'd in his own Time, by the mad foolish Actions of an unnatural Son, who prefers his own extravagant Fancies to the solid Advice of an affectionate old Father? I have seen Instances of this in my own Time, but never heard till now, that the Foolishness of a Son would take away the Life and Liberty of a Father that lived peaceably, and was an honest Man, and well-inclined to the rest of Mankind. But I find, the longer a man lives, the more Wonders and extraordinary things he sees. Now, my dear Lord, I beg leave to tell you my Mind freely in my turn. I thank God I was born with very little Fear in the greatest Difficulties and Dangers by Sea and Land, and, by God's Assistance, I often saved my Life by the Firmness and Steadfastness of my Resolutions; and though I have now but a little Remains of a Life that is clogged with Infirmities and Pain, yet by God's Help I am resolved to preserve it as long as I can. And though my Son should give way with the young People of his Clan, yet I will have Six Hundred brave *Fr--s--rs* at Home, many of them about my own Age, that  
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will lose the last Drop of their Blood to preserve my Person ; and I do assure your Lordship, if I am attack'd, that I will sell my Life as dear as I can. For since I am as peaceable a Subject as any in the Kingdom, and as ready to pay the King's Taxes, and to do every Thing else that a faithful Subject ought to do, I know no Law or Reason that my Person should not be in Safety. I did use, and will use, the strongest Arguments that my Reason can suggest to me by my Cousin *Gort-L-ge*, that he may repeat them to my Son ; and if they should not prevail, is it anyways just or equitable that I should be punished for the Faults of my Son ? Now, my dear Lord, as to the unhappy Civil War that occasions my Misfortunes, and in which almost the whole Kingdom is involv'd, on one Side or the other, I humbly think, that Men should be moderate on both Sides, since it is morally impossible to know the Event ; for Thousands, Tenthousands, on both Sides, are positive that their own Party will carry. And I suppose that this ventrous Prince should be utterly defeat, and that the Government should carry all in Triumph, no Man can think that any King upon the Throne would destroy so many ancient good Families, for engaging in a Cause that was always their Principle, and what they thought their Duty to support. King *William* was as  
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great a King as to his Knowledge of Government and Politicks, as sate for many hundred Years upon the Throne of *England*; and when his General, who was one of the best in *Europe*, was defeat, and forced to run to save his Life, and all his Army routed at *Killicranky* by a Handful of *Highlanders*, not full Two thousand in Number, King *William* was so far from desiring to extirpate them, that he sent the Earl of *Breadalbine* with Twenty-five thousand Pounds *Sterling*, and sought no other Conditions from them, than that they should live peaceably at Home. So, my Lord, we cannot imagine, that though the *Highlanders* should be defeated this Time, and most of them killed, and the Government full Master of the Kingdom, that any Administration would be so cruel, as to endeavour to extirpate the whole Remains of the *Highlanders*. Besides, it would be a dangerous Enterprize, which neither we nor our Children would see at an End. 5 0059

I pray God we may never see such a Scene in our Country, as Subjects killing and destroying their Fellow-Subjects. For my Part, my Lord, I am resolved to live a peaceable Subject in my own House, and do nothing against the King or Government. And if I am attack'd by the King's Guards, and his Captain-General at their Head, I will defend myself as long as I have



have Breath in me: And if I am kill'd here,  
'tis not far to my Burial-Place; and I will have,  
after I am dead, what I always wish'd, the Co-  
ronoch of all the Women in my Country, to  
convey my Body to my Grave; and that was  
my Ambition, when I was in my happiest Situa-  
tion in the World.

I am,

My Lord,

*B--refort, Oct. 30.  
1745.*

Your Lordship's, &c.

